## TRANSIT FIGHT HAS **GROWN IN VOLUME** DESPITE SETBACKS

Obstacles Serve Only to Make Enthusiasm of Public Flare Up More Pronouncedly.

The transit situation has held the attention of the people all year.

At the very outset of 1914, to be exact on January 4, Director Taylor, of the Department of City Transit, auggested an open subway for South Broad street, which recommendation he subsequently medified. Immediately a spirit of coeceration was manifested by Senator McNichol, who urged an all Philadelphia get-together movement, and declared the time was ripe to start the great municipat construction works.

In line with this auggestion, Mayor Blankenburg and Common Councilman John P. Connelly held a conference on John P. Conneily held a conference on January 2 and agreed to work together for the city's benefit. As Mr. Conneily is chairman of Councils' Finance Committee, prospects for an early start and general progress took a reseate hue. Director Taylor then conferred with Chairman Mitten, of the Rapid Transit Company, on a proposal that the company operate the proposed Broad street subway and cievated rads. This was followed by a meeting in the Mayor's office of the Comprehensive Plans Committee, which approved the plans for the subway-slevated system devised by Mr. Taylor.

"SINCERITY" OF COUNCILS. Mr. Connelly announced on January 16 that there would be the fullest oc-operation to obtain subways and other improvements. "Those who question the sincerity of Councils need only wait," he

Two days later he introduced a resolution in Councils providing for the appointment of a committee to consider Director Taylor's plans and devise ways and means for the establishment of a universal five-cent fare. A week elapsed, and the Executive Committee of the Repid Transit Company, representatives of the city and Councils Transit Committee con-ferred on the transit situation. At the conclusion of the conference it was ancosclusion of the conference it was announced the matter had progressed so satisfactorily that formal negotiations for the lease of the proposed Broad street subway and elevated lines would be entered within two weeks. In reply to an inquiry, Mr. Connelly said Councils had not appointed a transit committee with any hestile intent, but believed the city government should be represented in the megotiations.

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Senator Penrose urged better transit factilities about this time, and a few days later loan bills aggregating 28, 400,000 were introduced in Councils. Chairman Connelly introduced a bill in the lower chamber authorizing the loan of \$5,000,000 to be voted on by the people for the Broad street subway and other transportation facilities. The bills were referred to the Finance Committee.

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The Sub Committee on Rapid Transit negotiations met on March II, but the meeting was devoted chiefly to petty arguments and ended abruptly without anything being accomplished.

THE STOTESBURY PLAN. Following this inaction, a meeting of Councils' Committee on Transit on March 23 was called hurriedly at the request of the Rapid Transit Company, and " plan was submitted by the Stotesbury manwas submitted by the Stotesbury man-agement. It provided, in brief, a com-prehensive system of free transfers be-tween the Broad street subway or other lines to be built and equipped by the city and operated by the Rapid Tran-sit Company, a tube under the Delaware and an elevated line to Frankford, to be built and equipped by the company. The company demanded also that the city make aged the loss in net revenues to

company demanded also that the city make good the loss in net revenues to the company due to the elimination of anchange tickets.

Director Taylor proposed universal free transfers by eliminating one-half the exchange tickets automatically. The director said the city could afford better to build an independent system and have it independently operated, which would saye the people and the city a vast amount of money. The meeting was decidedly stormy.

Following the pace set by Senator Mc-Nichqi and Senator Penroze, Senator Vare indorsed the Taylor transit plan a week later and said he emphatically was opposed to that of the Rapid Transit Company.

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In a statement to the public on April 8, Director Taylor opposed the company's operation of city-built lines and favored submitting the exchange ticket question to the Fublic Service Commission.

The United Business Men's Association indoracd the Director's plan, and subsequently Penrose said he would endeavor to Bring about harfony between the Rapid Transit Company and the Director of City Transit in regard to the plans for the proposed system.

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After a number of conferences during April and May, the city and the company agreed on May 27 upon a transit system to cost \$63,000,000; the city to spand \$45,000,000 on the Broad street subway, the Frankford slavated and the Enroy slovated. It was also agreed that

Rarby sievated. It was also agreed that these lines should be leased to the company, which was to apend \$1,00,00 to equip them. The abolition of the sight-cent exchange ticket and the granting of fees bransfers beginning January 1. Into was a feature of the agreement.

But with the advent of warmer weather, Councils appeared to regard the transit question with a feeling of contu. and when the agreement came before them on June 4, it was interred to the Street Hallwarn and Finance Committees without comment. Then the people started is think about vacations and the transit agreement, lying in the pignois holes of the committees, soon became govered with dust.

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LORD DECIES A report declares he will be the next Viceroy of Ireland. He is the husband of the former Miss Vivien Gould, of New York.

urged high-speed lines without delay, and in answer to many requests he spoke in every part of the city, and at every meeting he was greeted with great enthusiasm and promise of support.
Early this month a resolution was introduced in Councils providing for the \$500,000 appropriation voted for by the

THE COSTELLO FIASCO. With everything going along swimmingly, Common Councilman Peter E. Cos-tello, of the 3lat Ward, sought to com-plicate matters by introducing another transit ordinance on December 3. It pro-vided for a single elevated line from

Arch street to Holmesburg.

The Costello ordinance was condemned throughout the city, and a poil taken in Councils showed that of the 122 members only three were opposed to the Taylor plan. One of the opponents was Mr. Cos-

That enthusiasm for high-speed transit is greater than ever is shown by the pre is greater than ever is shown by the pro-parations for two big demonstrations in January. The first will consist of a pa-rade and mass-meeting in the Northeast on January 7. The parade will precede the meeting, which will take place at Textile Hall. Kensington avenue and

Cumbertand street.
Practically every business and improve-ment organization in the city will be represented at the second demonstration.

January 1s, which will consist of a parada
on Eroad street, followed by a massmeeting in the Academy of Music. It is predicted that the coming year will bring high-speed transit to Philadel-phia in emphatic form.

LEFT-HANDED PUPIL DEFENDED BY EXPERTS

Educators Defend Scholars Victims of Ridicule in Classroom.

The left-handed schoolboy, for generations an object of ridicule in the classroom, has been defended by leading educators in a questionnaire conducted by Walter G. McMullin, principal of the Northeast School, in the Teacher, a ped-

agorical journal.
Hads of State and city school systerms, as well as teachers in the ranks, replied to the problem submitted to them by Mr. McMuilin. Of all opinions ex-

pressed, the most emphatic was that of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Pennsylvania's Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dectar Schaeffer said:
"In my opinion, it is a waste of time to require some children to write with the right hand if they are born left-handed. If a reasonable attempt has been made to develop the power to write with the right hand, and the effort has failed, I

think the child should be allowed to use the left hand."

This is the opinion of John L. Shroy, principal of the Marshall School, in

Frankford:
"In observing children in the higher grades, I do not remember seeing that the right-handed children have any advantage over the left-handed pupils. Among grown-up acquaintances and relatives left-handedness in writing passes unnoticed."

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Milion C. Cooper, superintendent of District No. 7, declared:

"The only reason that I know for requiring right-handed writing is that our system is a right-handed one, and therefore somewhat awkward for the person who uses his left hand."

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William L. Welsh, superintendent of Diatriot No. 1, expressed the belief that while there is no rational basis for the right-handed system, pupils should be required to submit to it, because custom is so strongly in its favor."

Son Blewett, Superintendent of the Public Schools of St. Louis, an chucator of national repuisation, was generally opposed to left-handedness. Similar oginions were sapressed by James M. Coughlin, Superintendent of the Wilkes-Barra schools, and by Superintendent Francia A. Soper, of Baltimore. W. M. Mazwell, head of the New York school system, would not state his views.

AID FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES

Policemen Giving Funds and Provisions to Women and Ohildren. visions to Women and Children.

A trud to help the ramilles of two English receivists brothers now fighting in France, is being releast at the Brenchtown police station. Mamhers of the force, following the lead of Sergeant Watson, have contributed though provisions to keep the two women and from stilldren for more than a week and supplies are still coming in today.

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## **MUMMERS' PARADE** TO CONTAIN MANY ORIGINAL FLOATS

War Aeroplane in Action and Submarine Saloon Will Be Seen in Annual Pageant.

Many of the New Year shooters are tired today as a result of strengous work yesterday, when they added the finishing ouches to a number of floats for the Mummers' parade. At every one of the shooters' "armories" there was continuous banging of hammers and a general

All of the clubs held meetings, which were strictly private, and instructions were given regarding plans for the big parade. It is believed there will be at

lesst 25 clubs in line on New Year's Day and they will march and dance to the accompaniment of about 50 bands.

After making a tour of all the mummers' headquarters yesterday, H. Bart McHugh, special agent of Councils' New Year Committee, said indications pointed to an excellent showing on Friday. The movement among business men he said. movement among business men, he said, to unite and co-operate in placing the shooters' parade on a larger scale would redound to the benefit of the city gener-

VISITORS FOR PARADE. He pointed to the fact that a large delegation from New York will come here on New Year's Day for the purpose of seeing the mummers' pageant, and con-tended that if it were made still more at-tractive it would prove to be the best ad-vertisement that Philadelphia could ob-

Some of the novelties to be presented by the clubs will require "shooters" who possess acrobatic ability. In order that these things will go through without a hitch, several of the downtown clubs rehearsed their "business" for the funny

One ambitious mummer, who intends to One ambitious mummer, who intends to "fly up Broad street on an aeroplane and drop bombs on the highest buildings," has to hire a horse to hold his daily rehearsals. The horse will be the concealed mechanism of his aeroplane, and if the animal should set bawky the flying "shooter" will have a serious time A SUBMARINE SALOON.

A quartet of mummers, who intend to present a submarine saloon and thus escape high license and prohibition waves, are also compelled to hold daily rehearare also compelled to hold daily releasing an arms and the customers can get soaked. A series of ropes and pulleys have to be carefully eperated to bring about the proper effects. Perhaps the most strenuous rehearmals of all are being held by an aggregation of shooters who expect to show the public the discounters are contracted in making. the difficulties encountered in making a moving picture. These shooters are obliged to fall through windows and barreis and go through other evolutions which will make the parade on New Year's hard work.

#### EMERGENCY AID AND HARTE PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE \$50.000

Part of Councils' Appropriation to Provide Work for Idle.

The Emergency Aid Committee has announced that the distributing of Counclla' \$50,000 appropriation for the relief of the unemployed will be begun early next week. Director Harte, of the Department of Health and Charities, and the commit-tee have conferred over the plan for dis-

It has been decided that trained investigators shall determine to whom shall be given the supplies purchased with part of the appropriation. While part of the money will be distributed to the needy. men will be given employment through the use of much of the \$50,000.

Many repairs are needed at Holmesburg and the Philadelphia Hospital. It is proposed to have this work done immediately and to employ only men who are recom-mended by the Emergency Aid Commit-tise. Many destitute men would prefer to work to taking alone work to taking alms.

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Mrs. J. Willis Martin, of the Emergency
Aid Committee, said Director Harts and
the Aid Committee would co-operate for
the most effective use of the money.

"Applicants for sid, known to other organizations that have previously helped
them, will be referred to such organizations," she said. "The new cases we will
investigate, and where the applicants are
worthy and sid is needed we will give sid.

investigate, and where the applicants are worthy and aid is needed we will give aid. Many applications have come from unworthy people."

More than \$2500 was paid to \$00 women for sewing by the Home Relief Department. These women did work on 20,000 pieces of clothing, thereby providing work for themselves and money and at the same time giving their efforts for the relief of others. The foreign committees are daily packing and shipping boxes of clothing, food and other necessary supplies.

#### FISH SWIMS TO STRANGE HARBOR IN XMAS RUSH

One Package in a Million That Missed Connection in the Parcel Post. A fish, deceased, that started in the rapid Christman race.
One of a million packages, a veritable host, Out nitsed up in the shuffle and, alsa, he just his place.
Lati-as a racing man might chuckle-at the parcel post.

Some one somewhere today is meurning a dead fish which did not keep an engagement. The fish was started for somewhere through the parcel post, but, fortunally for the peer family who eventually got it, the address tag was improperly fastened, came off and was lost. This was the only package of the millians handled by the local parcel peet system this Christmas rush season that was not delivered or returned to the sender in good order, and those in charge of the parcel post work consider the record remarkable.

After the fish was discovered, in a truckload of other packages, to be minus the address tag, it was held up to await a claimant. Considering the nature of the constents, there was a limit to the time the package might be held, and when this capitred it was turned over to a poor family.

Interned Lines Bought by Americans PORT ARTHUR. Tex., Dec. M.—The Hamburg American steamable Ducta, which has been tring in this port since she sorthwest of the way, has been bought by P. O. Schundler and Harry S. Hooker, of New York city. The American has wear run up at her peak today, and the years difficulty transferred to American reachery.

Haspital Patient Leaps to Death provaint. N. J. Dec. M.—Despondent accounts he know he could not recever som mainer, for which he was bothe reated in the City Hospital Henry Ross-tes, if paint with during the absence of Store Opens 8:30 A. M.

WANAMAKER'S

Store Closes 5:30 P. M.

# TUESDAY MORNING AT WANAMAKER'S

#### After Christmasthe Country Week

It is a custom of many years to visit the city when the Christmas celebrations are finished.

From all over the east end of Pennsylvania and south Jersey, Delaware and Maryland the out-oftown folk come to see the city sights.

> Kris Kringle spirit stays around The big Organ plays its best A cordial welcome awaits them.

The whole Store glows with pleasure to receive friends, old and new.

There is enough to see to pleasantly spend an entire day.

There are checking rooms for bags, rubbers and

There are resting rooms, a restaurant, picture gallery and the display of fashions and other goods is always up-to-date.

And no one is solicited to buy anything, not even a shoe button or a postal card.

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#### The Sale of Women's Dresses. Suits and Coats in the Fashion Salons Is Going on Merrily

If we were to pick any one or two lots out of this sale, they would be the wonderful little evening dresses at \$8.75 and \$13.50. For the one price or the other a woman can have her choice of dozens of fetching styles, all fresh and selected.

Some women will buy half a dozen such frocks at a time. There are serge dresses as low as \$5 and other serges, satins and velvets at \$15 and \$19.75.

There are amazing gowns at \$25-gowns, mind you, of the kind that cost two or three times as much early in the season. But the prices in this sale go up as high as \$95, and in almost every instance the gown or suit at that price would have cost double at the start of the season.

Suits-and there are hundreds of interesting things-are \$7.50 to \$95.

Coats and wraps are \$10 to \$75, including really magnificent evening wraps. (First Pioer, Central)

## If You've Neglected Your Complexion Lately

take time now to care for it properly.

If the bothers of Christmas shopping left some wrinkles, try to eradicate them with Delicate Skin Cream, 75c jar. It will not injure the most tender skin and is very effectual.

Queen Mary Cleansing Cream, 50c jar, is a valuable toilet adjunct.

Youth and Beauty Non Greasy Cream is another effective toilet cream-50c jar.

Queen Mary Skin Cream is also helpful in keeping the skin youthful and in good condition-50c jar.

(Mafm Floor, Chestust)

# Children's Garments At Small Prices

\$2 to \$3.50 for children's coats of chinchillas and corduroy in broken sizes; from 2 to 6 years in the collectionjust 48 coats.

25c to \$1.75 for hats suitable for small maids and little boys.

50c to \$2 for small white sweaters soiled or they would be more expensive.

25c to \$1.50 for white silk caps for bables, up to 2 (Subway Floor, Market)

#### Choosing Still Good On Mussed Blankets

comprising nearly all grades of whites and plaids, but not many of any one particular kind. Prices now \$1 to \$12.50 a (Blifth Fiour, Market)



#### The Cold and the Reduced Prices on Fur Coats Came Together

A good many women in this city hadn't felt any crying need of fur coats until the mercury sat down so suddenly ou Saturday, but now they can't secure such coats quickly

All the rich novelty coats in the Fur Salon are now a third less than their original prices.

So are all the black ponyskins, the black caraculs, the nearseals (sheared coney) and the fur-lined coats, besides other coats of hardy fur for motoring.

The new prices start at \$16.50 for a ponyskin and end at \$300 for a novelty of Hudson seal (sheared muskrat). (Third Floor, Chestuat)

#### A Little Corset Clearing

Odds and ends of certain good makes have been reduced a third or more.

Paris Lillians are \$6 to \$8. Parisiennes are \$5.50. Wanamaker Specials are \$2. W. B. Corsets are \$3.

(Third Floor, Chestaut)

-Cloth baggage tags are new, insuring safe delivery. Subway Gallery, Juniper.

-A Viking silver desk-set will start the new year brightly; \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50. Subway Gallery, Juniper.

-Our \$2 silk stockings for women are in over eighty shades great for matching gowns.

Main Floor, Market.

A dirigible search light is new for the auto; lights up the signs unfamiliar roads or locates the trouble in the car, \$8. Sub-

way Gallery, Chestnut.

-"Your Eyes," one of the latest popular songs, is from "The Midnight Girl," 39c. Second Floor, Market.

-"Carmencita Shea," the new fox trot, is featured in the "The Queen of the Movies"; 30c. Sec-

-First ald for the flat tire; the spark plug pump—saves the labor of a hand pump, \$5. Sub-way Gallery, Chestnut.

-Economists say distribution is as important as production; the heat distributor for gas ranges saves gas and new cooking utensils. Subwey Floor, Central.

#### Incomplete Dinner Sets Ordered Out At Fractional Prices

Many of the best and most sought after patterns in our assortment of china dinner services are included in this group of incomplete sets of French and German ware, which today go on sale at prices lessened to a fraction of what the sets are actually worth.

Some lack just one piece of being complete, not more than eight pieces are missing from any set.

The prices now go from \$12.50 for sets which, when complete, were unusual at twice that much, and the highest price set in the lot being now \$22.50. (Fourth Floor, Central)

## Mossoul Rugs \$22.50, \$25 and \$30

A fairly good-sized bundle has been added to the Main Floor assortment. These pieces are of an extra fine quality and in size are about 3.6x6.6, taking them "by and large." (Main Ficer, Chestuni)

## Men's Fine Suitings Reduced

About one hundred patterns in highest grade British wools specially priced in a year-end clearsway at \$40 a suit, made to (London Shop, Subway Gallery, Chestant) messure.

#### Men's Overcoats Special \$10, \$12, \$12.75 and \$14.50

A few hundred going out at low prices before the first

They are all very good coats; none of them over three or four weeks old; in new and fashionable fabrics. Made up in sound cheviots, black and oxford cloths and fancy mixtures. Some in conservative style, rull lined; others in advance styles much favored by young men.

JOHN WANAMAKER